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Title: A METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THE TRANSMISSION PROPERTIES AND POWER LOSS OF A HIGH VOLTAGE PART INTEGRATED IN A SUBSCRIBER LINE CIRCUIT FOR CONNECTING A SUBSCRIBER LINE
Art Unit: 2644
Examiner: Harold
Docket No.: 112740-153

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2004, Applicant herein amends the above-identified application and responds as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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measurements are performed using a test signal (col. 6, lines 66-67), but not telephone and data signals. Accordingly, *Amrany* fails to disclose or suggest measuring both telephone and data signals, as defined in Claim 3.

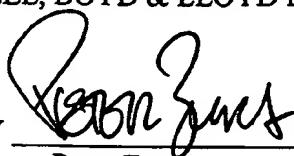
Furthermore, *Amrany* fails to disclose "setting current sources, which are integrated in the high voltage part and which supply current to units present in the high voltage part, the current determining operating point settings of the units, for amplifying and measuring the telephone and data signals" as recited in claim 3. The Office Action cited col. 6, line 52 through col. 9, line 34, and Figures 4-6 of *Amrany* as disclosing this feature. However, a closer review of these passages, as well as in the entire reference clearly demonstrates that no current sources are utilized. Regarding the impedance matching disclosed in *Amrany* (e.g., col. 7, lines 47-51), the reference uses the impedances to adjust the data rate of the modem (e.g., col. 7, lines 51-64). Again, there is no disclosure or suggestion of setting any current sources or setting current values as defined in Claim 3. Accordingly, *Amrany* fails to disclose or suggest setting current sources, as defined in Claim 3.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3-8 of the present application are both patentable over the art of record, and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any additional fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No.: 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (0112740-153) on the account statement.

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